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The wine-making industry in the County of Los Angeles has become a major economic engine in the State of California. A recent study found that the industry employs more than 300,000 people in California and provides wages of more than \$10 billion each year. The industry attracts nearly 20 million visitors annually, generating \$2 billion in tourist expenditures. This expanding industry provides tangible benefits to Los Angeles County's unincorporated communities, especially those in the Antelope Valley.

The County's Zoning Ordinance regulates wineries in order to mitigate potential impacts upon surrounding communities. However, those regulations should not discourage small business owners from investing in our unincorporated communities. For example, the Zoning Ordinance prohibits of wine-tasting rooms in commercial zones, requires a full Conditional Use Permit (instead of a Minor Conditional Use Permit) for wineries, and restricts minimum lot sizes and maximum production capacity for wineries. These regulations should be amended to facilitate the development of small businesses while maintaining the quality of life for nearby residents.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors instruct the Director of Planning to evaluate current zoning regulations pertaining to wineries and related uses, including but not limited to the provisions mentioned herein, make recommendations on modifying the Zoning Ordinance, and report back to the Board within 60 days.

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